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Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

On behalf of the working men and women of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), I am writing to offer our strong endorsement of Leader Nancy Pelosi to resume her role as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Leader Pelosi's commitment to advancing the interests of labor is resilient and unbreakable.

The ILWU has had the privilege of working with Leader Pelosi since she was first elected to Congress both on the West Coast waterfront and in our nation's capital. Through the union's many struggles, Rep. Pelosi has offered her support and solidarity to the working men and women of the ILWU in their fight to protect jobs, wages, and pensions. Furthermore, Rep. Pelosi has stood with labor as a strong advocate for legislation that supports and protects the rights of workers to unionize.

According to University of Oklahoma political science professor Cindy Simon Rosenthal, Speaker Pelosi's short 4 year tenure emerged a record of public policy triumphs unmatched since the Great Society legislation of the 1960s. "And much of it is because of her," says Rosenthal.

Her list of accomplishments as Speaker include health care reform, financial reform, ethics reform, a \$787 billion stimulus, a minimum wage increase, Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Student Aid, Health insurance for children, and equal rights for gay and lesbian military members. Her record strongly suggests she is the most effective Speaker of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Rep. Pelosi has proven to be a strong ally of the ILWU and the labor movement and an extraordinarily effective leader in Congress. For these reasons, the ILWU supports her candidacy for Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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